



UB Highlights

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News & Events for December 1-15, 2015

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Friday, December 4: Last Day of Classes

Sunday, December 6: College of Chiropractic
Graduation

Monday-Friday, December 7-11: Final Examination
Week

Monday, December 14: Final Grades Due

Friday, December 11-Thursday, January 21:
Change of Schedule for Spring 2016 Semester
For Graduate and Undergraduate Students

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 1, All Day

We have a day for giving thanks, we have two for getting deals. In 2012 a day of philanthropy, #GivingTuesday, was organized by charities, businesses, and communities to celebrate personal generosity. To be part of this global giving event, visit www.bridgeport.edu/givingtuesday. To learn more about the value of your gift to the University of Bridgeport, see www.bridgeport.edu/giving/. For more information, contact Emily Brady, embrady@bridgeport.edu.



UB Holiday Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.

UB's Music Department presents its 10th Annual Holiday Concert, featuring favorite carols from the golden age of American popular song, performed by the Chamber Singers, Fusion Ensemble, Percussion Group, and the University Singers, in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. A festive cocktail reception at 5 p.m. in the Schelfhaudt Gallery, hosted by the UB Alumni Association, precedes the concert. Free and open to the community. For more information, call 203-576-4151 or email alumni@bridgeport.edu.



Purple Knights

Home Athletic Events

December 1-15, 2015

Men's Basketball

Dec. 5 (Sat.), 3 p.m., American International @ Hubbell Gym

Dec. 12 (Sat.), 3 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym

Women's Basketball

Dec. 12 (Sat.), 1 p.m., NYIT @ Hubbell Gym

Women's Soccer

Dec. 3 (Thurs.), noon, NCAA Div. II Semifinals, Pensacola, FL. Final-Four UB faces Columbus State of Georgia. See www.ubknights.com for broadcast information. Winner progresses to NCAA Div. II national championship game on December 5.

Volleyball (Women's)

Dec. 3 (Thurs.), First Round East Region Tournament, @Adelphi University, Garden City, NY. See www.ubknights.com for details.

Acupuncture Info Session

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6-7 p.m.

Graduate students interested in UB's Acupuncture program are invited to the Health Sciences Center for a program overview, tour of the acupuncture clinic, and a clinic demonstration. Topics covered will include the application process, scholarship opportunities, and how the program can work for students. Register online, or contact Leanne Proctor, lproctor@bridgeport.edu for more information.



Saturday Morning Tour

Saturday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.-noon

The Office of Admissions conducts weekday campus tours at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. For students and families unable to join us on a weekday, campus tours on Saturday mornings begin at 11 a.m., from the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Register online or contact Jessica Crowley, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu.



IDEAL Info Session

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6-7 p.m.

Learn about UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) locations. To register, or for more information, visit www.bridgeport.edu/ideal. Those who are unable to attend the information sessions may arrange an appointment with an admissions counselor by emailing idealinfo@bridgeport.edu or calling 203-576-4800.



RN-to-BSN Info Session

Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Those interested in joining UB's RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program are invited to an afternoon session, to meet the faculty and tour the state-of-the-art Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, on the 7th floor of the Health Sciences Center. Register online for the session, and bring your transcripts to get details about transfer credit and program planning. For more information, contact **Martine Bernadel**, mbernad@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-2025.

Elite Eight to Final Four

The *Connecticut Post* interviewed Head Women's Soccer Coach **Magnus Nilerud** on Sunday, November 22, following the Purple Knights' defeat of East Stroudsburg State University, 2-0. (See <http://www.ctpost.com/sports/article/UB-advances-to-NCAA-Div-II-women-s-soccer-6650639.php>.) The victory placed UB women's soccer in the national NCAA Division II Final Four, for the first time in UB history. Although the team had several times in past years reached the regional NCAA tournament, this fall the Purple Knights broke through the second-round barrier, winning the East Region title on November 20, by a goal placed in the last 56 seconds of the game.

Knights Field stands were filled for all the intensely fought tournament games. **Jess Laszlo**, a freshman forward from Stamford, who shot the two winning goals on Sunday, said "I love helping out my team. . . . The support we've had from our school, our fans, and just us as a team, we are a very special group on and off the field."

Coach Nilerud, who played soccer at UB himself, has coached women's soccer for 17 years. He was named ECC 2015 Coach of the Year in November. The team's opportunity to contend for the national title, in Pensacola, on December 3, is "huge," he said. The Knights' record is almost unblemished, at 21-1-1.

CPIA News

At the annual conference of the Northeast Chapter of the International Studies Association (ISA), November 6-7, in Providence, RI, CPIA students and faculty made their mark, as follows:

Wei Cui, Global Media and Communication Studies (GMCS), and **Mohammed al-Azdee**, assistant professor of mass communication, presented "The Comparison between the Effect of New Media and Traditional Media," on the International Relations Theory and Aesthetics panel.

Mohammed Haque, Global Development and Peace (GLDP), and **Mohammed al-Azdee**, assistant professor of mass communication, "Transferring Political Knowledge through Media: A Case from Bangladesh," on the Security, Democratization, and Securitization panel.

Martina Santia (GLDP), "Environmental Rights as Human Rights: The Political Economy of Oil in Nigeria," on the Human Rights Issues panel.

Hannah Noeckel-Rieke (GLDP), "Equal Before the Law? Adjudication of Female Genocidaires after the Rwandan Genocide 1995 to 2012," on the Human Rights Issues panel.

Laura Varelas (GLDP), "Culpability for Transnational Terrorist Organizations Who Commit War Crimes, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity: Is It Possible?" on the Terrorism panel.

Caitlin Colon (GDP), "Ecotourism as a Mitigation Tool: Conserving the Environment while Sustaining the Economy in Small Island Developing States," on the Global Environmental Politics panel.

Kristine LeBlanc, adjunct lecturer in GDP, "The Expansion of U.S. Universities in China: the Sale of Academic Freedom," on the Global Power and the Scholarly Vocation panel.

Steve Hess, assistant professor of East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies, "The Flight of the Affluent: Exit, Voice and Loyalty and the Problem of Wealth Drain in Contemporary China," on the China in History panel.

Dave Benjamin, associate professor of global development, served as chair and discussant on the Human Rights Issues panel at the ISA-Northeast conference.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Women's Soccer placed nine players on the 2015 East Coast Conference Women's Soccer All-Conference teams: **Jess Laszlo**, **Flo Gamby**, **Nicola Worthington**, **Julia Weidenmark**, **Jennifer Wendelius**, First Team; **Amanda Moura**, **Hanne Neby**, Second Team; and **Ariana Weingrad** and **Stephanie Vahos**, Third Team. Junior midfielder **Nicola Worthington** was named Defensive Player of the Year; **Jennifer Wendelius** is Goalkeeper of the Year.

Katarina Krstonosic was named East Coast Conference Volleyball Player of the Year on November 20. This is her first season playing at UB. **Sarah Rosa** and **Frida Randen** joined Katarina on the ECC All-Conference Volleyball First Team. The Purple Knights will make their eighth consecutive appearance in the NCAA regional tournament December 3-5, hosted by Adelphi University.

FACULTY & STAFF

ATHLETICS

Magnus Nilerud, head coach, women's soccer, was named by his peers 2015 East Coast Conference Coach of the Year on November 9.

BUSINESS

Nikki Lee-Wingate, assistant professor of marketing, was interviewed for an article published by the *Financial Post* on October 30. Prof. Lee-Wingate specializes in consumer behavior involving negative emotions in the pharmaceutical domain. See <http://business.financialpost.com/investing/market-moves/valeant-pharmaceuticals-international-inc-investor-bill-ackman-continue-damage-control-hoping-to-pull-stock-out-of-downward-spiral>.

David S. Kohn, senior lecturer in accounting, presented "Bank Corporate Lending: A Bubble in Progress and Suggested Remedies," written with **James Sagner**, at the MBAA International Conference in March. After being published in the MBAA Proceedings, the article was picked up and reprinted by *The British Journal of Economics, Management and Trade*. Access the article at <http://sciencedomain.org/abstract/9352>.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Jennie Farnell, assistant director, presented a session at the annual ConnTESOL conference, in Waterbury, on October 24, entitled "Questioning to Develop Critical Thinking Skills: the Right Question Technique Applied to ESL."

Steven M. Rashba, senior instructor and professor of business communication, presented his research, "What's Next for the English Language Learner," at the ConnTESOL conference. The session focused on effective methods for teaching international students how to do academic research and avoid the pitfalls of plagiarism.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.